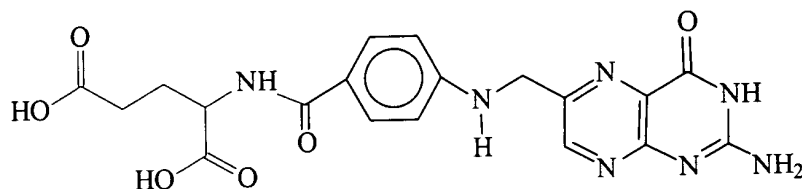


In the Claims

Please insert claim 42 as presented below in amended form:

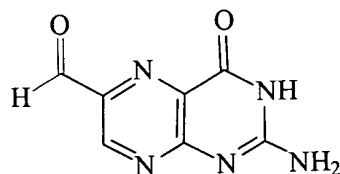
42 (amended). The method of claim 106 wherein said compound IX is prepared by



reacting folic acid:

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with a reagent effective to form pterin aldehyde:



and

protecting the amino group of said pterin aldehyde.